

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES AND OTHER OFFICERS

OF THE

VILLAGE OF RUTLAND,

1869.

RUTLAND :
COURIER BOOK AND JOB OFFICE,
1869.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

To the Citizens of the Village of Rutland:

In presenting our annual report of the transactions of the village for the year that has passed, we have endeavored herewith to give, under their respective heads, the receipts and expenditures, and as far as possible the present actual condition of the village, together with such recommendations as in our judgment seem best.

The past year has been one of unprecedented prosperity, as it has one of fearful destruction of property by fire, and saved only from total annihilation by the last aroused efforts of its people.

The expenditures of the village have been large, a large portion of which have been for the better condition of the Fire Department, and for the expenses necessary for the detection and conviction of the incendiaries.

The Fire Department is in good condition. The new steamer "Killington" was purchased pursuant to vote of last annual meeting.

We would suggest the propriety of disposing of the two hand engines, and with the proceeds purchase a steamer, to be kept where No. 1 now is; also, to purchase sufficient land for the erection of a house for the present steamer at such time as the village may deem best.

It would be economy for the village to own a pair of serviceable horses for the use of the steamer, and when not thus employed to be used upon the highways in repairing the streets and walks and removing obstructions therefrom.

The highway tax seems to be more than ample for the future construction of the streets and walks, and with proper outlays we may at no distant day have permanent and beautiful thoroughfares.

Our finances seem to require attention. Our taxes are large, and must necessarily be in all flourishing villages, but they should be "tempered with mercy," and all departments of the village should be managed with strict regard to economy in all purchases and expenditures.

The orders of the village should have the purchasing power of greenbacks, and should be to the holder their equivalent, and always find a home in the treasury instead of being a wandering comet as they now are. Money sufficient is voted for this purpose, but the treasury is empty.

A more thorough and efficient collection of the taxes would remedy this growing evil.

We would earnestly recommend that some plan be devised whereby our taxes can be more promptly collected, thus saving to the village large sums of money in the aggregate, and a better and more economical administration of all its affairs.

The amount of unpaid taxes in the hands of the collector for 1867 and 1868 is \$3,675 92, of which \$3,000 or more should be collected.

One or more reservoirs should be built each year until the village is amply supplied. The cost of each of the capacity of those most recently built is about \$500.

J. M. HALL,
L. E. ROYS,
J. W. CRAMTON,
G. W. CHASE,
A. C. BATES,
D. C. PIERCE.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Voters of the Village of Rutland:

In obedience to the village by-laws prescribing the duties of the Chief Engineer, I herewith present the Report of the Fire Department for the past year, giving a list of fires and alarms, with the loss and insurance as far as could be ascertained.

June 10, 1868, fire was discovered in building known as the Old Bakery on Washington street, owned by A. F. Davis, which was entirely destroyed, together with dwelling-house and barns adjoining. Loss \$8,000; insured for \$6,000. Origin of fire unknown.

16. June 20, 1868, at 2 A. M., an alarm caused by fire being discovered in barn owned and occupied by Gov. Page on Main street, which was entirely destroyed. By the exertions of the firemen, aided by citizens, the contents were mostly saved. Loss —; insured for \$3,000. Incendiary.

17. July 1, 1868, a fire broke out in Landon & Bates' store on Merchants' Row, destroying all the buildings from Cramton's Block to the Herald Building. Buildings owned by D. Verder, L. & A. C. Bates and G. M. Baker. Loss \$75,000; insured for \$50,000. Origin of fire unknown.

18. July 22 at 7 P. M., a fire was discovered in blacksmith shop connected with the machine shop of the R. & B. R. R. Co. Before it could be extinguished it communicated to the roof of the main building, running nearly its entire

length. Through the almost superhuman efforts of the firemen and citizens, with the assistance of the steam pump at the shop, the fire was extinguished. Loss \$8,000; origin of fire unknown: fully insured.

Aug. 5, 1868, at 6 A. M., a fire broke out in building on Furnace street, owned by Rutland Foundry and Machine Shop Co., and occupied by J. W. King as a planing mill and sash and blind factory. The firemen responded to the alarm promptly, and saved the main building in a damaged condition. The planing mill and tools were destroyed. Cause of fire, shavings left near furnace in boiler room. Loss on building, stock and tools, \$6,000. Insured.

Aug. 10, an alarm caused by the burning of a barn on Green street, owned by Fred Gee. Loss trifling; cause unknown.

Sept. 25, an alarm caused by the bursting of a kerosene lamp in room occupied by J. A. Commette in C. F. Richardson's building, on Center street. Put out without the aid of the department.

Sept. 19, 1868, an alarm caused by the burning of a house on Green street, owned by Thomas Winters. Loss \$500; insured for \$200; origin of fire unknown.

Oct. 6, 1868, at 11 P. M., a fire was discovered in building on Main street, owned by R. R. Thrall. Before the alarm was given the fire had made such headway that the occupants of the building had barely time to escape. Building entirely destroyed; loss \$3,000; no insurance. Union building was several times on fire, yet through the efforts of the firemen it was saved without much damage. Cause of fire unknown.

Nov. 14, 1868, at 10 P. M., a fire was discovered in barn on West street, owned by Nelson Brown. The barn, carriage-house and wood-shed were destroyed. The dwelling house was in a badly-damaged condition. Loss \$3,000; insured for \$2,500. The barn owned by Edwin Edgerton, Esq., west of Mr. Brown's, was consumed with its contents, consisting of hay, wood and lumber. Loss \$700; insured for \$300: origin of fire unknown.

Dec. 12, 1868, at 9 P. M., an alarm caused by fire in the barn connected with Union House. Put out without the aid of the Fire Department. Damage trifling; origin unknown.

Another alarm was given at 10.45 P. M., which proved to proceed from Main street, where two fires were in progress; one on the east side of street in barn owned by Chas. Olmstead, which was destroyed: also, the barn and ell part of dwelling-house, owned by Harry Adams, on west side of

the street. The barn and ell part of house owned by J. J. R. Randall, with the Town Hall, the lower story belonging to the Huntoon estate. The hall and upper part of the building, owned by the town of Rutland, were entirely destroyed. Loss \$15,000; fully insured, except the part owned by the town, on which there was no insurance. Incendiary.

23 Jan. 23, 1869, at 1 A. M., an alarm by fire being discovered in Central House, which was subdued by the united efforts of the occupants. Damage trifling; cause of fire unknown.

24 Jan. 24, 1869, at 11 P. M., the dwelling-house owned by Peter Fagan, caught fire. Owing to the absence of water in the vicinity it was destroyed. Loss \$1,600; insured for \$1,300.

Feb. 2, at 7 P. M., a fire broke out in house on Main street, owned by G. I. Mussey. Through the exertions of the firemen, the building was saved in a damaged condition. Loss \$1,500; insured for \$1,200; caused by defect in chimney.

Your apparatus for putting out fires consists of two hand engines, one first-class steam fire engine with hose carriage, one hook and ladder truck, with hooks, ladders, &c., necessary for the efficient working of the company, all of which is in complete order. All of the companies are well manned, and commanded by officers of well-known ability in managing their apparatus at fires. You have 1,200 feet of patent combination hose in complete order, and about 800 feet of leather hose, old but may be used to some extent on hand engines.

Although we have had a large increase of fires over former years, making the duties of the firemen, in some cases, severe. They have responded promptly to every alarm, and I take pleasure in complimenting the members of the department for their good order, and for the prompt manner in which they have obeyed the orders of the engineers.

I desire to express the thanks of the Fire Department to the Trustees for the commendable zeal exhibited in ferreting out and placing at the bar of justice the incendiaries who have been prowling in our midst; also for the prompt manner in which they have furnished what seemed necessary under the circumstances for the protection of property against fire.

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. PAGE, *Chief Engineer.*

ORDERS DRAWN.

May 1,	People's Gas Light Co., gas posts,	\$ 60 26
	Sullivan Hudson, illegal taxes,	2 34
June 1,	A. C. Bates, highways,	119 78
2,	People's Gas Light Co., gas posts,	91 38
July 7,	Rutland Railroad, engine Co. No. 2,	36 00
	Harlow Priest, sidewalks,	10 50
	George Crawford, "	21 00
	S. Reed, "	10 50
	George M. Chase, "	14 00
	D. C. Pierce, "	17 50
	McCoy, "	10 50
	M. Chandler, "	10 50
	E. Davis, "	10 50
	Minor, "	10 50
	Than Lewis, "	21 00
	Ben Merritt, "	10 50
	Jerry Lisbon, "	10 50
	Wm. Wardwell, "	10 50
	Landon & Lampman, sidewalks,	234 95
	Dunn, Sawyer & Co., gas posts,	134 00
	J. C. Dunn, "	66 32
	People's Gas Light Co., "	85 37
	A. C. Bates, highways,	695 35
	George A. Merrill, gas posts,	25 00
15,	J. F. Shedd, watch fires,	3 00
	J. H. Terrill, "	3 00
	Clarkson Phillips, "	3 00
	Edward Davis, "	3 00
	Lampman & Richardson, sidewalks,	9 50
	— Bradshaw, "	13 50
	— Hussey, "	10 50
	— Marsh, "	10 50
	H. Congdon, "	7 50
	Timothy Sweeney, "	10 50
	E. A. Morse, "	17 50
	R. P. Snow, special police,	3 00
July 2,	H. R. Dyer, engine Co. No. 1,	26 15
Aug. 13,	J. F. Shedd, watch fires,	3 00
	Wm. A. Goodnow, "	3 00
	J. H. Terrill, "	3 00
	Lease & Lyon, engine Co. No. 1,	26 00
	" engine Co. No. 2,	14 00
	Coburn & Germain, gas posts,	24 87
	A. F. Davis, highway,	10 79
	Wm. Goldthwaite, sidewalks,	22 17
	Tuttle & Co., printing,	110 00

Amos C. Bates, highway,	697	78
Patrick Fenton, watch fires,	3	00
Sept. 9, People's Gas Light Co., gas posts,	189	10
Thomas Pennington, sidewalks,	10	50
People's Gas Light Co., gas posts,	92	34
J. M. Putnam, sidewalks,	15	75
Thos. L. Fisk, sidewalks,	10	50
Ephraim Whitcomb, night watch,	123	00
A. Pooler, sidewalks,	24	50
A. C. Bates, highways,	305	67
A. H. Tuttle, sidewalks,	22	25
D. E. Page, "	25	84
O. L. Robbins, making tax list,	26	00
I. M. Southwick, gas post,	25	00
Oct. 6, People's Gas Light Co., gas posts,	97	20
Nelson Brown, night watch,	183	00
Ephraim Whitcomb, "	60	00
C. M. Clapp & Co., fire wardens,	60	65
Wm. B. Lovejoy & Co., engine Co. No. 1,	76	35
A. C. Bates, highway,	360	59
Nov. 7, Rutland Railroad, steamer No. 3,	45	00
9, Woleot & Whitcomb, highway,	65	00
A. C. Bates, highway,	45	83
J. J. R. Randall, "	25	25
People's Gas Light Co., gas posts,	97	20
Clarkson Phillips, night watch,	3	00
W. E. Barrows, "	3	00
Albert Bates, sidewalks,	10	50
Thomas Lyon, "	38	50
Lampman & Richardson, sidewalks,	79	80
J. R. Priest, night watch,	93	33
C. F. Richardson, sidewalks,	14	00
S. Hayward, "	40	25
Henry Hayward, "	14	87
E. A. Morse, "	35	00
Dan Ellis, watch fires,	3	00
Charles Davis, "	3	00
Dec. 10, John Bowman, sidewalks,	15	75
Wm. Wardwell, "	15	75
Philip Edgerton, "	51	25
Lucius Morse, "	15	75
A. Chamberlain, engine Co. No. 1,	58	53
E. A. Morse, sidewalks,	89	25
F. C. Murry, night watch,	3	00
E. W. Horner, sidewalks,	26	00
C. A. Grandy, engine Co. No. 2,	19	50
George D. Putnam & Co., engine No. 1,	527	00
" " engine No. 2,	527	00
J. W. Cramton, steamer, \$16 20, No. 2, \$8	24	20
" highway,	81	40

Isaac Gibson, sidewalks,	30	50	
J. N. Hayward, steamer No. 3,	23	34	
A. C. Bates, highway,	651	62	
J. L. Eddy & Co., highway,	14	48	
M. & H. O. Edison, "	176	58	
People's Gas Light Co., gas posts,	102	00	
J. H. Soper, sidewalks,	15	00	
George A. Wilkins, "	17	63	
C. F. Sherwin, "	15	75	
Lampman & Richardson, sidewalks	28	78	
F. W. Hopkins, gas post,	25	00	
Pat Murray, highway,	94	80	
" sidewalks,	148	45	
1869.	Lampman & Richardson, sid walks,	36	25
Jan. 5,	" "	21	10
E. A. Morse, "	41	88	
Thomas P. Jones & Co., special police	47	88	
George A. Tuttle, gas post,	25	00	
N. J. McKenzie, special police,	50	00	
J. W. Priest, night watch,	140	00	
A. C. Bates, highway,	153	62	
— White, sidewalks,	25	00	
S. Terrill, highway,	16	95	
Isaac Gibson, sidewalks,	53	33	
J. F. Sargent, watch fires,	3	00	
James Burke, "	3	00	
A. Campbell, sidewalks	14	00	
Feb. 8,	Rutland Railroad, steamer No. 3,	17	60
C. A. Grandy, "	18	75	
" "	24	75	
" water works,	44	75	
C. C. Howe, steamer No. 3,	15	00	
Amoskeag Mfg. Co. "	4537	40	
L. G. Kingsley, "	10	00	
A. C. Bates, highway,	85	48	
Ripley Sons, "	35	00	
People's Gas Light Co., gas posts	204	12	
H. R. Dyer, steamer No. 3,	40	63	
E. F. Cook, gas post,	25	00	
Landons & Co., highways,	40	26	
J. B. Reynolds, "	18	20	
J. W. Cramton, special police,	359	95	
March 5,	Killington Engine Co. No. 3 (steamer)	350	00
Washington Engine Co. No. 2,	150	00	
Nickwackett " No. 1,	150	00	
Hook & Ladder,	75	00	
W. H. Porter, engine Co. No. 1,	8	00	
" engine Co. No. 2	8	26	
S. G. Staley, " No. 1	57	80	
John R. Priest, night watch,	140	00	

A. F. Davis, engine Co. No. 1,	17 70
People's Gas Light Co., steamer No. 3,	17 37
Engine Co. No. 2, "	30 61
Clark L. Long, engine Co. No. 1,	15 75
Landon & Co., "	6 65
L. L. Whitecomb, illegal tax	55
April 9, W. H. B. Owen, illegal tax	13 75
W. C. Landon, steamer,	17 52
" Hood & ladder,	1 15
" sidewalks,	30 84
George H. Cheney, highway	16 13
A. F. Davis, steamer \$15 67, No. 1 \$50 ..	95 67
M. Blakley & Co., engine Co. No. 1	14 04
People's Gas Light Co., gas posts	102 06
High School Library, engine Co. No. 1 ..	18 00
A. C. Bates, highway	71 44
" "	52 62
L. G. Kingsley "	23 06
Silas Aiken, illegal tax,	37 67
Lease & Lyon, steamer \$9.95, No. 1 \$18.50	28 45
John R. Priest, night watch	70 00
H. H. Smith, illegal tax	2 23
" rent of pound	25 00
J. W. Cramton, hook & ladder	125 00
Dunn, Sawyer & Co., steamer No. 3	156 09
Lyon & Quinn, "	27 00
Mansfield & Stimson, water works	12 48
J. W. King, steamer No. 3	16 70
S. Terrill, hook & ladder	32 85
Pond & Morse, steamer No. 3	3 48
O. Wooster, highway	14 00
J. M. Hall,	25 00
L. E. Roys	25 00
J. W. Cramton	25 00
A. C. Bates,	25 00
D. C. Pierce,	25 00
George M. Chase	25 00
D. Verder	25 00
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	\$16,819 99

RECAPITULATION.

Printing,.....	\$110 00
Watching Fires,.....	45 00
Rent of Pound,.....	25 00
Night Watchmen,.....	809 33
Special Police,.....	460 83
Side Walks,.....	1542 14
Highways,.....	4279 68
Illegal Taxes,.....	56 54
Water Works,.....	156 33
Gas Posts,.....	1588 20
Engine Co. No. 1,.....	1065 47
" No. 2,.....	762 76
Steamer " No. 3,.....	5423 06
Hook & Ladder No. 1,.....	234 00
Miscellaneous Orders,.....	231 65

	\$16,789 99

LIABILITIES.

Amount of Unpaid Orders,.....	\$13555 52
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ASSETS.

Amount of Taxes due in Collector's hands,.	3000 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,.....	90 96

Balance,.....	\$10,464 56

VILLAGE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at last settlement,	\$ 14 48
" collected July, 1868	6839 15
" of D. Verder, trustee, for licenses	172 60
" of J. W. Cramton, trustee, for licenses,	411 83
" for grass sold,	13 50
" of E. L. Stearns, collector,	6803 76
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	\$14,255 32

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid 1 order drawn by Trustees in 1866,	542 92
" " 44 orders drawn by trustees in 1867,	5001 11
" " 118 orders drawn by Trustees in 1868,	8620 33
" in hands of Treasurer this A. M.,	90 96
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	\$14,255 32

W. C. LANDON, *Treasurer.*

April 24th, 1869.

VILLAGE AQUEDUCT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash of James Barrett, water commissioner,	\$ 576 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid 93 water coupons, @ \$6	\$ 553 00
" " James Barrett,	18 00
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	\$576 00